

REALIZING THE DREAM

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SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MEMORIAL CONCERT

JANUARY 14, 2006

WELCOME

Tonight we honor the essential legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: nonviolent social change and an untiring struggle for freedom and justice through the transforming power of love. Now more than ever, realizing the dream of equal opportunity and unity requires the efforts of all our nation's people.

Dr. King's Legacy in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference was established in 1957 by Martin Luther King Jr., Fred Shuttlesworth, Bayard Rustin, and many others who shared the goal of "redeeming the soul of America" through nonviolent resistance to civil injustice. The group was formed to coordinate nonviolent protests throughout the South. In the manifesto released on January 11, 1957, the founders called for white Americans to "realize that the treatment of Negroes is a basic spiritual problem. . . . Far too many have silently stood by." Black Americans were urged "to seek justice and reject all injustice," dedicating themselves to the principle of nonviolence "no matter how great the provocation. . . ." Martin Luther King Jr. served as president of the SCLC from its founding in 1957 until his death in 1968. Today the SCLC continues its quest for justice for all people in our society and is led by Charles L. Steele Jr. A Tuscaloosan, Mr. Steele formerly served the Tuscaloosa community and West Alabama as state Senator for District 24, and was one of the original planners of the Realizing the Dream concert.

TONIGHT'S FEATURED GUESTS

The Marlon Jordan Quintet with soloist Stephanie Jordan

An accomplished classical musician, Marlon Jordan has performed solo with the New Orleans Symphony Orchestra. His latest CD, "You Don't Know What Love Is," has been described as classic jazz. He and his quintet have shared the stage with Wynton Marsalis, Miles Davis and George Benson. They also played in some of the country's top jazz clubs, including the Blue Note and the Ritz, as well as in concerts ranging from New York's Avery Fisher Hall to Binghamton University.

Stephanie Jordan is the fifth performer to emerge from a family of New Orleans-bred musicians. She appeared at the opening of the Schomburg Center of the New York Public Library, Langston Hughes Auditorium in New York City, performed at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival and the Marciac Jazz Festival in France. She has shared a billing with the Count Basie Orchestra at Jazz Aspen in Colorado and has appeared with the New Orleans Ladies of Jazz and at Adagio's Jazz Club in Savannah, Ga.

Both Stephanie and Marlon Jordan are featured on the CD, "Higher Ground," a fund-raising tool to benefit the musicians and music industry-related enterprises impacted by Hurricane Katrina and to provide other general hurricane relief.

Justin Oliver is a 10-year-old fifth grader at American Christian Academy. He has performed in many plays with Tuscaloosa Children's Theater, and performed in the first University of Alabama Children's Honor Choir. He has been a member of Tuscaloosa Children's Choir and Boys Resident Choir.

Andrea Walker is a graduate of Hillcrest High School and a sophomore at Shelton State, where she will receive an associate in science degree in pre-law studies in May. She plans to transfer to The University of Alabama in the fall; her career goal is to become a corporate lawyer.

R. B. Walker from Mobile, Ala., is a sophomore majoring in political science at The University of Alabama. He serves as chief of staff for the Student Government Association, and is a member of several campus organizations including College Republicans, where he serves as executive director.

Jennifer Means is a senior at Stillman College majoring in business administration with a concentration in management. She is a National All-American Scholar, a member of the United Negro College Fund/Pre-Alumni Council, and a participant in the Leading Edge Institute, class 6.

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Welcome

Jennifer Means, Stillman College

Acknowledgments

Andrea Walker, Shelton State Community College

Tuscaloosa City Middle Schools Honors Choir

Under the direction of Myra Harvill, Levert Hedgemon and Loren Snyder

The Prayer

directed by Loren Snyder

Composed by Carole Sager and David Foster

Ride Up in the Chariot

directed by Levert Hedgemon

Spiritual

Interpretive Reading

Justin Oliver, American Christian Academy

Introduction of Featured Guests

R. B. Walker, The University of Alabama

The Marlon Jordan Quintet With Soloist Stephanie Jordan

We Shall Overcome

Please rise, join hands and sing.

Audience and Artists led by

Charles L. Steele Jr., National President

Southern Christian Leadership Conference

1. We shall overcome
2. We are not afraid
3. We are not alone
4. Truth will make us free
5. We will walk hand-in-hand
6. The Lord will see us through

Please note: No photography, audio recording or videotaping is allowed during the performance.

In the Lobby

The paintings, drawings, and collages displayed in the lobby are the work of students in the Tuscaloosa City Schools. This annual exhibition of new work is a tradition of the Realizing the Dream Concert.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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SPECIAL THANKS

The Tuscaloosa News
92.9 WTUG
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UNITY DAY ACTIVITIES — JANUARY 14, 2006

Unity Breakfast — 7:00 a.m. — Beulah Baptist Church Family Life Center, 3100 25th Street.
Guest speaker: the Rev. Tyshawyn Gardner, Pastor, Plum Grove Baptist Church.

Unity March — Noon — Originates at Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School and proceeds to Tuscaloosa City Hall. Local high schools' bands will participate in the march.

Mass Rally — 6:00 p.m. — First African Baptist Church, 2621 Stillman Boulevard.
Speaker: the Rev. Clarence Sutton Sr., Pastor, Christian Community Church.
Featured guests: Saint John Baptist Church Choir and James Brown Gospel Choir.

For additional information, contact SCLC National President Charles Steele Jr. at his Tuscaloosa office: (205) 750-0490.

THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES

Realizing the Dream throughout the Year. The Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Lecture Series, now in its seventh year, is a significant part of our celebration of and dedication to the ideals of the man whose life and legacy we honor today. Please join us at these events throughout 2006.

February 2 — Storyteller Stephen Hobbs, 7:30 p.m., Alabama Power Company Recital Hall, Shelton State Community College. Free to the public.

February 9 — Interpretive reader Warner Durrell with jazz trumpet accompanist Bertrand Stanley Graham, 7:30 p.m., Alabama Power Company Recital Hall, Shelton State Community College. Free to the public.

The Rev. Samuel "Billy" Kyles, lecturer on the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will appear at the following events.

February 27 — Tuscaloosa Academy, 9-10 a.m.; The University of Alabama, 11:00 a.m.; Shelton State Community College, 1:00 p.m.

February 28 — Stillman College at Stinson Auditorium, 11:00 a.m.

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